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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at 6:32-7:2 in the above-referenced application with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 4 shows an amino acid sequence comparison between *Xenopus* Frzb (SEQ ID NO: 7), bovine Frzb (SEQ ID NO: 2) and human Frzb (SEQ ID NO: 4). Amino acids identical among the three sequences are boxed. A consensus sequence (SEQ ID NO: 8) is shown. The putative signal peptide cleavage site is shown by the pair of scissors.